

The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation Requests Input for a Proposed Timber Sale

The Plains Unit of the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation is developing plans for a proposed timber sale. The project, known as Tim Burke Two Timber Sale, is located approximately 1.5 air miles south of Hot Spring, MT in Section 16, Township 21 North, Range 24 West. The sale is in the earliest stages of planning, but will most likely involve regenerative harvest with ground based and cable logging systems. The project may include some new road construction, road reconditioning and road obliteration. This sale, which would likely sell in 2012, is being proposed to benefit the Common Schools Trust (C.S.) and is projected to generate approximately 3.0 million board feet of timber. This sale is being considered to generate revenue for the associated Trust Funds, improve forest health by reducing the possibility of insect and disease activity, to reduce excessive fuel loading and the related risk of wildfire, and to reestablish and promote timber types historically found in the area. In this early stage of the planning process for this timber sale, we are evaluating and identifying environmental and social concerns. We are asking your assistance in this process by letting us know what ideas, issues, and concerns you may have with regard to resource management in these areas. Additional information relating to this project is available at the Plains Office. To ensure your comments are included in the planning process, please submit them to the Plains office by Friday, December 23, 2011.

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